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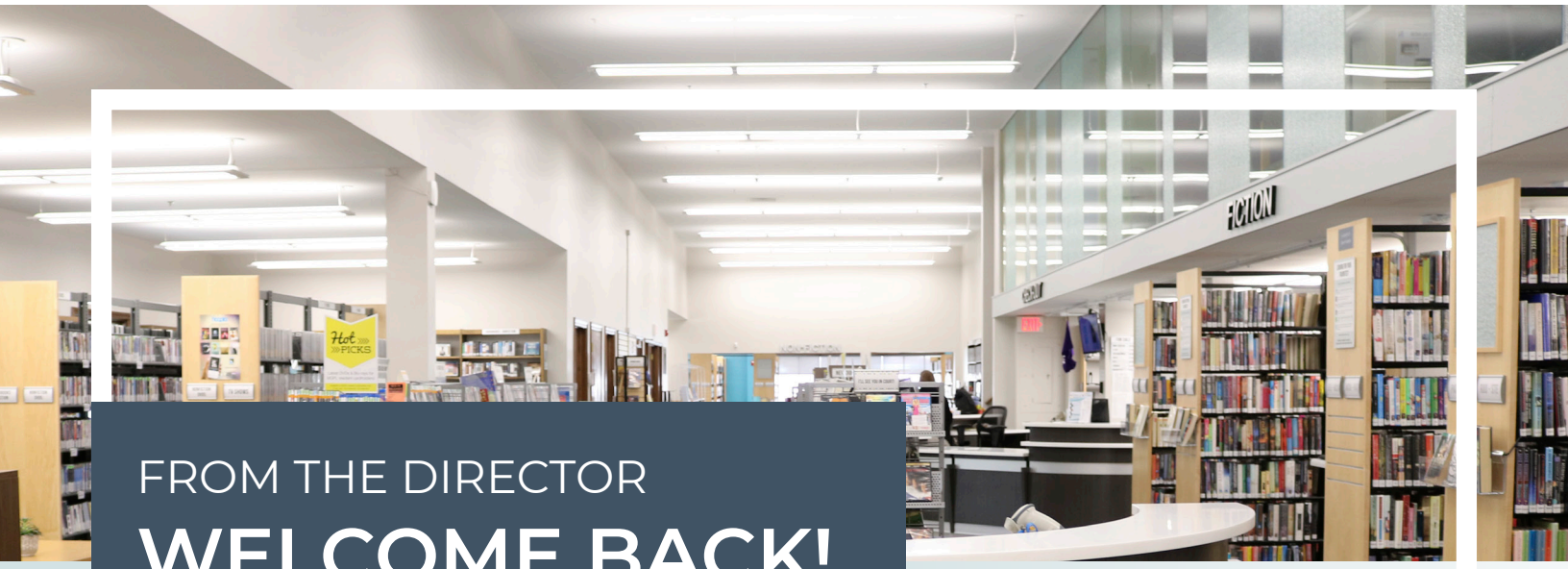
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2020



FROM THE DIRECTOR

WELCOME BACK!

The Library Board, staff, and I are very happy to welcome you back into the building starting Monday, July 27. We will once again be open during our regular hours:

- Monday-Thursday, 9 am - 9 pm
- Friday, 9 am - 6 pm
- Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm
- Sunday, 1 pm - 5 pm

While we are planning on resuming regular hours, due to the ongoing pandemic the following restrictions will be in effect:

- Face coverings that cover your nose and mouth will be required to enter and must be worn at all times while you are in the library building. If you are unable to wear a mask, we encourage you to take advantage of our curbside pickup service.
- Social distancing signage and markers must be followed at all times when moving throughout the building.
- Children under the age of 13 will not be allowed in the building without an adult.
- There will be restrictions on the number of patrons allowed in the building at any given time, due to guidelines outlined by health officials.
- The front Lincoln Avenue entrance will be closed in order to better monitor the number of patrons going into and out of the building. Please enter and exit through the doors at the east end of the building (near the Baxter Auditorium).
- The Computer Room has been permanently relocated to the Quiet Study Room on the main level.
- Seating throughout the building has been removed. We encourage you to come into the library to locate library materials, pick up holds, conduct brief reference transactions, etc. For now, you will not be encouraged to linger in the building.
- Newspapers have been removed. All magazines, including the current editions, are now available for 3-week checkout.
- All soft seating, toys, and games have been removed from the Youth Services Department.
- Study rooms and meeting rooms remain closed to the public.
- Other restrictions may be in place based on guidelines from local, state, and federal health authorities.

As we gradually move to reopening the library and resuming in-person services, the health and safety of the Morton Grove community, our library patrons, and our staff remain paramount. While not quite “back to normal,” we can’t wait to see you again!

Pam Leffler, Executive Director

EARLY CHILDHOOD

R = Registration is required

REGISTRATION begins July 15 for August events and August 15 for September events.

Until we can see you again in the Library building, we have put together a fun lineup of online events for your little ones. Events are subject to change based on Restore Illinois guidelines, so visit **mgpl.org/events** for the most up-to-date information.

STORYTIMES ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Visit the Library's Facebook page to watch live and on demand.

Summer Storytime (Online)
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays in August, 10-10:15 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more.

Bedtime Stories & More (Online)
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays in August, 7:30-7:45 pm
Wind down for bed with a story or two.

Listen Up! (Online)
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays in September, 10-10:20 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more as Ms. Amy brings the Library to your home.

Wee Read (Online)
Birth to age 2 with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 10-10:15 am
Meet Ms. Debbie online for a song, a rhyme, a story, and more.

STORYTIMES ON ZOOM

All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required. Zoom information will be sent to all registrants the day before the program. **R**

Toddler Time (Online)
Ages 24-36 months
Wednesdays, Sep. 2-16, 10-10:30 am

Preschool Storytime (Online)
Ages 3-6
Thursdays, Sep. 3-17, 10-10:30 am

Monday Morning Playgroup (Online)
Ages 0-5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, 10-11 am
(no meeting Sep. 7)
Join us online with your child for a story and a new guided play activity every week. Catch up with friends new and old online. Supplies needed: basic household items (will vary weekly). (Zoom) **R**

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings: Feeling Angry (Online)
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Sep. 30, 10-10:30 am
Learn how to manage feelings through stories, songs, and activities and leave this storytime with strategies to handle overwhelming emotions. This session's theme: Feeling Angry. (Zoom) **R**

Happy Harmonies (Online)
All Ages
Thursday, Sep. 10, 2-2:30 pm
Lend your voices to songs of peace and love. (Facebook Live)

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Kids events are held using free Zoom software on your internet-connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet) unless otherwise noted. An email with instructions on how to join the event will be sent to registrants the day before the event.

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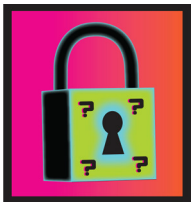
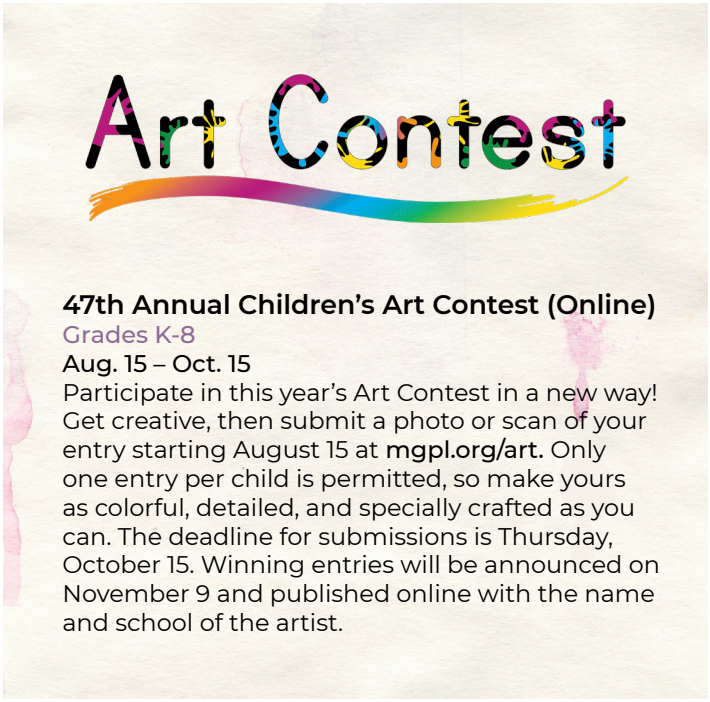
Crafty Saturday
All Ages
Saturdays, Aug. 8 and Sep. 12, 9:30 am–4:30 pm
Pick up supplies from the front porch of the Library to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

Jr. Escape Room (Online)
Grades 1-3
Thursdays, Aug. 6 and Sep. 3, 4:30-5:30 pm
Join us in the Zoom Room of Doom for a virtual locked-room challenge. The only escape is to conquer all the puzzles. Together, we will use our STEAM skills to problem-solve our way to freedom. Be sure to have scratch paper and pencil handy. (You may bring a reading assistant if needed.) (Zoom) **R**

Escape Room (Online)

Grades 4-8
Tuesdays, Aug. 11 and Sep. 15
4:30-5:30 pm
Join us in the Zoom Room of Doom for a virtual locked-room challenge. The only escape is to conquer all the puzzles. Together, we will use our STEAM skills to problem-solve our way to freedom. Be sure to have scratch paper and pencil handy. (Zoom) **R**

Virtual LEGO Builders (Online)
Grades K-8
Wednesday, Aug. 12, 4-4:45 pm
Get out your LEGO or other favorite building materials and take the challenge to create something during our Zoom meetup. You can also show-and-tell any awesome creations you have been building recently. (Zoom) **R**



47th Annual Children's Art Contest (Online)
Grades K-8
Aug. 15 – Oct. 15
Participate in this year's Art Contest in a new way! Get creative, then submit a photo or scan of your entry starting August 15 at **mgpl.org/art.** Only one entry per child is permitted, so make yours as colorful, detailed, and specially crafted as you can. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, October 15. Winning entries will be announced on November 9 and published online with the name and school of the artist.

Drama Club (Online)
Grades 1-8
Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2-2:45 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative online with acting, improv, and theater games. (Zoom) **R**

Creative Writing Crew: Fantasy Stories (Online)
Grades 4-7
Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2:30-3:15 pm
Build your writing skills as we work together doing fun writing activities and being creative. Supplies needed: paper and a pen or pencil. This month's theme: Fantasy Stories. (Zoom) **R**

Folk & Fairy Tales (Online)

Pre-K to Grade 2 with a parent/caregiver
Thursdays, Aug. 20 and Sep. 17, 2-2:30 pm
An entertaining storytime focused on a traditional folk or fairy tale, then all mixed up with silly, exciting, or wacky versions of the tale. (Facebook Live)

Kindergarten Rocks (Online)
Kids entering kindergarten in Fall 2020
Thursday, Aug. 13, 4:30-5:30 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm
Get ready to rock your way to kindergarten! We'll celebrate the big step with stories, songs, and more. (Zoom) **R**

KIDS

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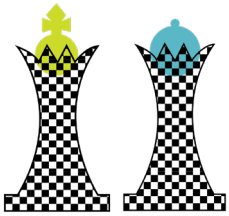
Family Engineering Night (Online)
All Ages
Thursdays, 7-7:45 pm
Aug. 20: Build a device on wheels
Sep. 17: Build a device that flies (or falls with style)
At our regular Family Engineering Night, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. This time, we challenge you to **build first**, and then meet online for a show-and-tell session to share your team's results. Be creative! (Zoom) **R**

Chess Academy (Online)
Grades 1-8
Thursdays, Aug. 27 and Sep. 24, 7-8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome. (Zoom) **R**



Tween Survival Club (Online)
Grades 4-7
Wednesdays, Sep. 9 and 23, 4-4:45 pm
A tween-only hangout to get you through the school week. De-stress in our Zoom room with virtual activities and real friends. (Zoom) **R**

Grades 1-3
Saturday, Sep. 19, 2-3 pm
Create like the great artists! We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own works of art. This session's artist: Andy Warhol. Supplies needed: paper, pencil, and something to color with. (Zoom) **R**

Scratch 'n' Code (Online)
Grades 3-6
Wednesday, Sep. 30, 4-5 pm
Learn the basics of computer coding with Scratch 2.0 by creating simple and fun programs. Ability to work with a computer and mouse is required. Further instructions and Scratch login information will be given via Zoom at the start of the program. (Zoom) **R**

STEMonade Stand
Stop by the STEMonade Stand for project kits to do at home. Located by our Lincoln Avenue entrance, this blue box is full of surprises. There could be abacuses or art projects, splash balls, or pipe cleaner ninjas. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. We miss doing projects with you at the Library, but when life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.

Brain Bytes (Online)
Brain Bytes is our series of video shorts featuring math puzzles and brain games. New episodes upload on Fridays. To watch, visit the Library's YouTube channel at **youtube.com/user/webrary**.

Magazines for Kids in Flipster

Flipster has lots of digital magazines for adults, but did you know it also has titles for kids? Use them on any device for impromptu storytimes, simple games and puzzles, and snazzy illustrations that will help get your kids interested in reading and learning.

Access these and many other popular titles on the Flipster app or at **mgpl.org/download-stream**.

TEENS

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TAKE & MAKE FOR TEENS

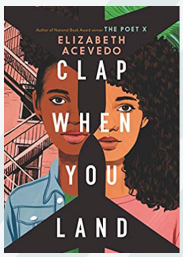
Grades 7-12
Create your own custom tote bag at home using our supplies and instructions. After you register, we will contact you to arrange pickup of the kit.

Post a photo of your finished bag on Instagram using #mgpltakemake or email the photo to info@mgpl.org by August 31 for a chance to win a $15 gift card to Dairy Queen. **R**

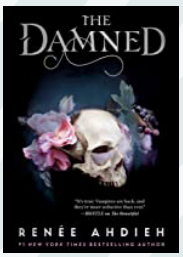
Standardized Test Prep Resources for High School Students (Online)
Thursday, Sep. 17, 6-7 pm
Learn how you can use your library card to access online ACT, AP, and SAT practice tests and more with Gale's Testing & Education Reference Center. (Zoom) **R**

NEW YA READS

Clap When You Land
by Elizabeth Acevedo

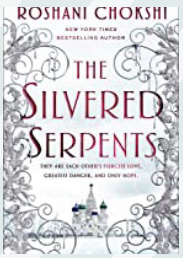


The Damned
by Renée Ahdieh
(Book 2 in *The Beautiful* series)



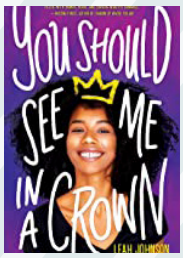
Girl, Serpent, Thorn
by Melissa Bashardoust

The Silvered Serpents
by Roshani Chokshi
(Book 2 in the *Gilded Wolves* series)



Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys
by Anthony Del Col
(Graphic Novel)

You Should See Me in a Crown
by Leah Johnson



ADULTS

HEALTHY LIVING

You can keep your mind and body healthy even while staying home and maintaining social distance. Visit our digital branch at **mgpl.org/athome** for health resources you can use without having to leave your home.

Chair Yoga (Online)
Fridays, 10-11 am
Classes have moved to Fridays! Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Cher Walter. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. (Zoom) **R**

Meditation (Phone)
Monday, Aug. 3 and Sep. 28, 2-2:30 pm
Cher Walter leads a beginner-friendly introductory guided meditation for all levels. Wear comfortable clothes. **R**

Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Call 312-626-6799 five minutes before the start of the program and enter the meeting ID and password.

Wits Workout: Brain Fitness (Online)
Thursday, Aug. 13, 10-11 am
Thursday, Sep. 10, 10-11 am
Exercise your brain in this engaging and interactive program to maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory. After you register, we will contact you to arrange getting handouts for the class. (Zoom) **R**

Senior Medicare Patrol: Types of Healthcare Fraud (Online)
Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2-2:45 pm
Learn how you can prevent healthcare fraud, including COVID-19 scams, in this presentation by Age Options. (Zoom) **R**

Practicing Mindfulness (Online)
Tuesday, Sep. 1, 6-7 pm
Practice mindfulness, meditation, and standing yoga with Dr. Claire Seryak, a certified mindfulness instructor. Learn the tools you need for mindfulness-based stress reduction. All experience levels welcome. (Zoom) **R**

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ESL Conversation Group

ESL Conversation Group (Online)
Practice your English conversation skills over Zoom with MGPL librarian Marlene, other ESL learners, and ESL volunteers. (Zoom) **R**

Saturday, Aug. 15, 10-10:30 am
In this introductory session, we will practice using Zoom software and introduce ourselves.

Saturday, Sep. 12, 10-11 am
We will talk about interesting topics and share thoughts and stories. Any handouts will be emailed in advance. All skill levels are welcome to attend.

Hometowns to Hollywood: The History of the Hollywood Musical (Online)
Sunday, Aug. 2, 2-3 pm
Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek presents an online history of classic Hollywood musicals, top musical stars, and more through a multimedia presentation of photos, video clips, and captivating stories. (Zoom) **R**

Digital Newspapers & Magazines (Online)
Thursday, Aug. 13, 2-3 pm
Did you know you can read popular newspapers and magazines like the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The New Yorker*, and *Chicago Magazine* with your library card? Learn how to get started reading your favorite titles on any device. (Zoom) **R**

Getting Started with Kanopy (Online)
Thursday, Aug. 27, 6-7 pm
Learn how to use your library card to stream thousands of independent, classic, and documentary films with Kanopy on any device. (Zoom) **R**

How to Spot Fake News (Online)
Monday, Sep. 14, 2-3 pm
Fake news is everywhere and spreads easily over social media. Learn how to evaluate online news using some simple tools and questions so you can tell what's true and reliable. (Zoom) **R**

How to Reduce Your Utility Costs (Online)
Wednesday, Sep. 16, 2-3 pm
Save money, understand the latest Illinois energy policies, and learn how to decode and better understand your utility bills in this presentation by a Citizens Utility Board expert. (Zoom) **R**

Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree (Online)
Wednesday, Sep. 23, 6-7 pm
Genealogy and Local History Librarian Tina Beaird demonstrates how to use subscription databases and free genealogy websites to trace your family tree. (Zoom) **R**

JOB SEARCH LIKE A PRO

Resumes (Online)
Tuesday, Sep. 8, 2-3 pm
Erica Reckamp from TopResume, Monster.com, and ZipJob discusses Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS), keyword optimized content, and how to set yourself apart from other applicants. (Zoom) **R**

Interviewing (Online)
Wednesday, Sep. 9, 2-3 pm
Erica Reckamp returns for an in-depth discussion of interviewing, including how to present yourself as a top candidate, avoiding screen-out factors, and job-winning responses. (Zoom) **R**

BOB'S ART NOOK

Get cozy and tune in to Bob's Art Nook, our new video series on basic art techniques from Bob Palas, one of our talented Adult Services librarians. So far Bob has demonstrated how to draw human faces, birds, and flowers.

Visit the Library's Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube channels to watch all the episodes.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Need tech help? Morton Grove cardholders can make an appointment to meet with a librarian online or over the phone.

Some of the topics that we can help you with include:

- Downloading ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and streaming movies from the Library's digital collection
- Using video conferencing software like Zoom or Skype
- Using software that has been taught in hands-on classes, such as Microsoft Office

To schedule an appointment, call 847-965-4220 or make a request at **mgpl.org/book-a-librarian.**

BOOK TALKS

Libraries Transform (Phone)
Wednesday, Sep. 2, 1-2 pm
September is National Library Card Sign Up Month, so join us by phone to celebrate with a selection of fiction and nonfiction titles about libraries, books, and librarians.

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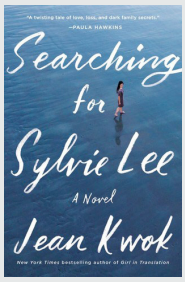
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Between the Lines (Phone)
All titles are always available on Hoopla, along with other library ebook platforms. Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Call 312-626-6799 five minutes before the start of the program and enter the meeting ID and password. Contact us for assistance. **R**



Hidden Figures
by Margot Lee Shetterly
Tuesday, Aug. 25, 7-8 pm

Searching for Sylvie Lee
by Jean Kwok
Tuesday, Sep. 22, 7-8 pm

Book Chat (Phone)
Thursday, Aug. 20, 10-11 am
Thursday, Sep. 17, 10-11 am
We are starting a casual book chat the third Thursday of the month. Chat over the phone with your fellow book lovers about whatever you're reading, listening to, and otherwise enjoying.

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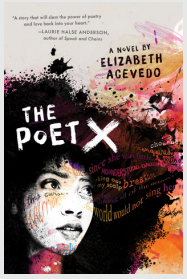
LitLounge (Online)
Registered patrons will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the meeting. **R**

Litera-Cheers!
Wednesday, Aug. 12, 7:30-8:30 pm
Rather than reading a specific book this month, join us online to talk about whatever you're reading, watching, and listening to, and get recommendations from your fellow LitLoungers.



The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
Wednesday, Sep. 9, 7:30-8:30 pm

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STAFF RETIREMENT

Longtime MGPL employee Natalya Fishman retired on July 17 after working at the Library for over 28 years in a variety of positions, including shelver in the Youth Services Department, Reference Librarian, Adult Services Manager, and even briefly Co-Director. She has been involved with or instrumental in developing and providing many of the outstanding services and programs the Morton Grove Public Library has been known for. Please join the Library Board and staff, both past and present, in wishing Natalya the best as she embarks on the next chapter of her life. Happy Retirement, Natalya!

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Pam Leffler

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The Board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7 pm.

Village of Morton Grove
2020 CENSUS

A full and proper count is important to ensure that our state receives its full allotment of federal funding every year and is fully represented in the House of Representatives.

As of July 10, Morton Grove's response rate is 80%, which puts us in the top 5% of all towns in the United States. If you haven't already, respond online at **my2020census.gov** or by phone at 844-330-2020 so we can get that number to 100%!

This year, the schedule has changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are the important dates to keep in mind:

JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 3:
Census takers work with administrators at colleges, senior centers, prisons, and other facilities that house large groups of people to make sure everyone is counted in a process called group quarter enumeration.

AUGUST 11 - OCTOBER 31:
Census takers will be going door to door to homes that have not filled out their form online, by telephone, or by mail to make sure everyone gets counted.

APRIL 30, 2021:
Census information will be completed, processed, and sent to the President with each state's population total, which determines how many seats each state gets in the House of Representatives.

JULY 31, 2021:
Redistricting for the next 10 years will be complete.